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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte: IMADDIN OTHMAN ALBAZZ and LEV MIRLAS

Application No. 09/827,431
Technology Center 3600

Mailed: June 5, 2009

Before KRISTA ZELE *Deputy Chief Appeals Administrator*
ZELE, *Deputy Chief Appeals Administrator*.

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on May 13, 2009. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter requiring attention.

EXAMINER’S ANSWER: GROUNDS OF REJECTION

A review of the file finds that the grounds of rejection of the claims as provided in the Examiner’s Answer, mailed February 5, 2009, under the heading “Grounds of Rejection”, is not consistent with the grounds of rejection of claims set forth in the last Office Action of record. The grounds of rejection of the claims as provided in the Examiner’s Answer must be consistent with the last Office Action of record, including any Advisory Action responsive to any after final submissions. *See also Manual of Patent Examining Procedure* (MPEP) § 1207.02 and 1207.03 (8th ed. Rev. 6, Sept 2007) for details.

Specifically, the Examiner’s Answer sets forth a rejection of claims 1, 4-14, 16, 20-27 and 29-35 as being rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) because of anticipation by *Shirley* (U.S. Patent 5,692,206); whereas the last Office Action, the Final Rejection mailed July 11, 2008, finds that claims 1-14, 16, 20-27 and 29-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Shirley*.

Clarification of the status of claims 2 and 3 is required.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to:

- (1) vacate the Examiner’s Answer mailed February 5, 2009;
 - (2) generate a new Examiner’s Answer setting forth the correct Grounds of Rejection and to correct other sections of the Answer as may be required;
- and

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(3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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